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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Eiichi Sano et al.

Application No.: 09/057,502

Filing Date: April 9, 1998

Title: INK JET PRINTER CAPABLE OF FORMING HIGH DEFINITION IMAGES

Group Art Unit: 2853

Examiner: Lam S. Nguyen

Confirmation No.: 6476

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$65.00 (2814) ☐ \$130.00 (1814) fee per
Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

☐ Also enclosed is/are _____

☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the
☐ \$395.00 (2801) ☐ \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered.
Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____

_____ on _____,
for which continued examination is requested.

☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____,
which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also
enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	17	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
- ☐ Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

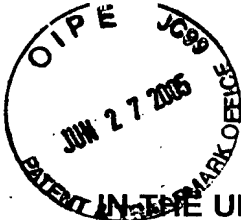
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The Official Action indicates that the claims in this application are directed to three different species. As identified in the Official Action, the three species are as follows.

Group I illustrated in Figs. 8, 9 and 16

Group II shown in Figs. 18, 19 and 24

Group III depicted in Fig. 25

Based on the observation that the three species are patentably distinct from one another, an election of species requirement has been imposed requiring an election of one of the three species.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the Group I species shown in Figs. 8, 9 and 16. Claims 3, 8, 26, 34 and 39 are readable on the elected species.

The election of the Group I species shown in Figs. 8, 9 and 16 is made with traverse because it is believed that all of the claims of this application can be examined at the same time without serious burden. In addition, to the extent claims are later added that are specific to one of the non-elected embodiments, the search required for such claims would be substantially coextensive with the search associated with claims encompassing the elected species. In addition, examining such additional claims would likely not be seriously burdensome.

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the election of species requirement and examination of all of the claims of this application are respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this matter, or should the Examiner feel that a teleconference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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